this week, and no doubt the market has been in better condition than it would have been

under ordinary circumstances. At one time in the week, when butchers were not so much in evidence, prices suffered a slight change and probably as much as 25c for an extreme, but

toward the close of the week the demand was again good from local sources, and with a little

salable at prices as high as at any time in the

week. Another important thing in favor of the market has been the good quality represented. There were very few days that some of the of-

ferings were not good enough to sell around top

een so uniform that there was no occasion for

competition from shippers the stock was



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Bar iron, 2.50c; horseshoe bar, 2.75c; nail rod

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Dates-Walnut, \$1 per box; package dates, 60

Kraut-Per cask, 45 gals \$5.75; per brl, 30 gals, \$4.75; per half brl, 15 gals, \$3.

Lemons-Extra fancy Messina, 360 size, \$3.75 box; 300 size, \$4.50; California, 22 to 360 size,

Oranges-California Valencias and Michaela

eaches—California Solways, \$1.15 per box.

rsimmons—Per crate, 75@90c. neapples—Florida, per crate, \$2.75@3. tatoes—Northern stock, 75c per bu.

Squash—Hubbard, 1½c per lb. Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, \$3; Kentucky, \$3

Turnips-50c per bu. Rutabaga, 50c per bu.

Provisions.

average, 9%c.
Pickled Pork-Indiana bean or jowl, per brl, 200 lbs., \$13; rump, per brl, 200 lbs, \$13.50; family, per brl, 200 ibs, \$16.50; fancy clear bean, per

bri, 200 lbs, \$20.50; fancy boneless pig, per bri. 200 lbs, \$21. Also haif bris, 100 lbs, at haif the price of the bris, adding 50c to cover additional

cost of package.

Lard-Kettle rendered, 8%c; pure lard, 8%c.

Bacon-Clear bellies, 25 to 30 lbs average, 9c;
18 to 22 lbs average, 9%c; 14 to 16 lbs average,
10%c; clear backs, 30 to 30 lbs average, 9%c; 12
to 15 lbs average, 10%c; 9 to 10 lbs average, 11c;
clear sides, about 50 to 60 lbs average, 9%c; 30

to 40 lbs average, 101/2c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 11c.

Seed clover, prime, \$5.50@6; English clover, \$6@6.50; alsike, \$9@12. Timothy, prime, \$1.75@2. Fancy Kentucky bluegrass, \$1.50@1.75; extra clean, 60@70c. Orchard grass, \$2@2.25; red top, 90c@\$1.75. English bluegrass, \$2.

COTTON MARKET STEADY

Prices Practically Unchanged-Move-

ment Will Be Main Factor.

[By A. R. Thompson & Co.'s Wire.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- In the face of disap-

pointing cables, the cotton market opened fairly

steady, and the local demand, which came from

veloped and kept prices around last night's

hand are contradictory. The weight of evi-

that the crop has been picked and marketed in

advance. Following is the range of prices:

STEER-TYING IN ARIZONA.

An Occasion Where the Cowboy Dis-

tinguishes Himself.

foot after a mountain steer, the "sureenough" cowboy creates a sensation. He

strikes one as being very real, intensely

natural, and the shrill yells from the

crowded grandstand indicate that he is ap-

preciated-at home. There is not such an

exhibit of "chaps and taps," gold braid

whole lot of genuine hard riding. It is

A wild steer is punched from the chutes

at one end of the inclosure, rushed across

the line and down the field. After him

thunders the cowboy, swinging his riata. When he crosses the line a flag drops, and

his time begins. When he has tied his

steer his time ends. The man who makes

the best time wins the contest. There are

a thousand chances in steer-tying-a mean

steer, a hard start, a broken rope, a quick

generally wins. Theoretically, luck is an

Any man who misses his first throw

loses his chance for first place, unless the

whole field is unlucky. So it is with one

intent eagerness that the cowboy rises in

his stirrups for the first cast. No use to

catch them by the neck or legs-experience

as the rope settles, he twitches it taut,

lashes the slack to one side of the flying

steer, and runs his horse past him on the

other side. In a moment the steer's head

is jerked down, his hind feet gathered up,

and he hits the ground-hard. Like a flash

the rider runs to his victim. Hopping

astride the prostrate steer he plants a knee

in the heaving flank and lifts the hind leg

into the air. While the steer kicks and

struggles the cowboy seizes the tying-rope

and then wraps it about the hind feet. A

is a swift tightening of knots, and he

about feed-corrals and saloons, the con-

tests of the day are talked over, the winners of bets stand treat, and the cham-

throws his hands into the air.

from his waist, knots it about a forefoot,

impersonal thing; in steer-tying the best

"whoop-la" from the jump.

ropers are generally lucky.

January

Leslie's Weekly.

March

July

Michigan Celery-20@25c per bunch. Navy Beans-Per bu. \$2.25.

Spanish Onions-\$1.25 per crate.

\$4 per box: Florida, \$3.

Pears-Per bu. \$1@1.25.

Walnuts-Native, 60c.

In dry sait, 1/2c less.

Old Pop Corn-3c per lb. Onions-\$1.25 per 100 lbs, yellow or red.

Apples-Fancy, per brl. \$2.75@3.25.

Ib box, 5c per lb.

Bananas—Large, \$2 per bunch; medium Cabbage—Holland Seed, \$2 per 100 lbs. Cider—Per brl, \$4.50; half brl, \$2.50.

Cocoanuts—\$3.50 bag. 50c doz. Cranberries—Jersey, \$2.50 per bu; \$7.25 p McFarlin, \$8.25 per brl.

@18c; cassia, 15@18c; nutmegs, 50@60c per 1b.

HIGHER COFFEE PRICES FEATURE OF GROCERY TRADE.

Market in Hands of Speculators-Interest in Dry Goods Centered in Cotton Goods.

The feature of the wholesale grocery trade the past week has been an increase in the price of package coffees. The coffee market is in the control of influential Eastern speculators and the two advances during the past two weeks are the result of this manipulation. But aside from the speculative feature of the market it is said package coffees have been too low for

about higher prices.

General wholesale trade continues good, with the weather favorable for country purchases and delivery. Interest in the dry goods trade this week centered in the firmer tone in the potton and sheeting goods.

ON COMMISSION ROW.

Trade Was Good Early Part of Week -Poultry Steady.

Produce merchants report a considerable falling off in trade the last two days of the week. The first four days the volume of trade was all that could be expected and the returns were satisfactory. But beginning Friday morning there was a marked falling off in the trade and the week closed with duliness the prevailing

emend in sight requires.

Prices generally in the produce lines are steady to firmer. The price of fancy apples was dvanced 25 cents per barrel yesterday. Practiwill be few, if any, more consignments of Eastern apples received here this winter. The price onions was advanced slightly yesterday.

Poultry Market Steady.

reck, with prices practically unchanged from hose prevailing a week ago. Interest in this the middle of the week. The continued cold weather up to yesterday morning caused a generally firmer tone in the egg market. But with the warmer weather conditions yesterday the ral attitude toward eggs eased again. The nejority of the large dealers continue to place orders for only immediate demand, fearing a slump. Receipts this week have been moder stely good, with the demand good.

Poultry prices continue steady with normal prices the last week before Christmas. As yet there has not been an advance in the Eastern markets. The Eastern market for other kinds of poultry is slightly easier.

Poultry and Other Produce. (Prices paid by shippers.)

Wool-Local dealers are paying for wagon lots: cood medium merchantable unwashed, 17c; coarse and braid, 15c; heavy merino, 10@12c; salf-blood, 12@14c; burry and cotted, 12@14c; iltry-Young turkeys, 124c; hens, 84c; 4c; young ducks, 8c; springs, 9c; geese, e-Wisconsin, 13c; New York full creams, Be; Swiss, 16c; brick, 14c; limburger, 12c.
Butter—8c; choice, 12@13c; Elgin creamery,
77c; state, 24c.
E-gs—Steady at 25@26c.

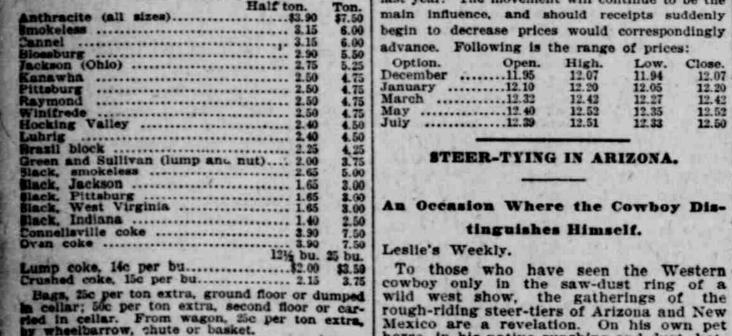
ers-Prime geese, 30c per lb; prime duck Game—Rabbits, 90c@\$1 per doz, \$1@1.25 per x-30c for yellow, 25c for dark HIDES AND TALLOW.

Green-salted Hides-No. 1, 7%c; No. 2, 6%c; No. 1 calf, 10c; No. 2 calf, 9c. Tallow-No. 1, 3%c; No. 2, 3c.

THE JOBBING TRADE. (The quotations given below are the selling prices of the wholesale dealers.) Candies, Nuts, Figs.

Candles—Capital stick candy (bris), 54,26c per b; common mixed, 54c; grocers' mixed, 50 6c; Banner twist stick, 74,08c; Banner cream Soft-shelled almonds, 15c; Brazil nuts, liberts, 12c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed

Figs-New Smyrna, 12c per lb. Coal and Coke. (Retail Prices.)



Drugs. hol. \$2.52@2.70; asafoetida, 40c; alum, 21/2 or, 68470c; cochineal, 55c; chlorocopperas, bri. Soc; cream tartar, indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., oc; magnesia, carb., 2 oz. 20@22c; P. & W., per oz, \$2.40@2.70; oil bergaib. \$3; opium, \$2.5063.75; quinine, P. & and silver mountings as you can see in oz. 32637c; balsam copaiba, 55660c; soap. Madison-square Garden, but there is a Fr., 13616c; soda, bicarb., 24.65c; salts. whole lot of genuine hard riding. It is 1464c; sulphur flour, 2406c; saltpeter, turpentine, 62@70c; glycerin, 1614@20c; otassium, \$2.45@2.50; bromide potassium chiorate potasa, morac; borax, 9012c; da, 29034c; carbolic acid, 27c, cocaine,

Bleached Sheetings - Androscoggin L. 74c; tarkeley, No. 60, Sc; Cabot, 74c; Capitol, 74c; umberland, 74c; Dwight Anchor, S4c; Fruit of the Loom, Sc; Farwell, 74c; Fitchville, 7c; Full

th. 6c; Gilt Edge, 6c; Gilded Age, 5½c; Hill, Hope, 7½c; Linwood, 7½c; Lonsdale, 7½c; body, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 22c; Pepperell, Sheetings-Atlantic A, 7c; Argyle, 6c ott C. 5½c; Buck's Head, 6½c; Carlisle, 40-th, 6c; Dwight Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6c; eat Falls J, 5½c; Hill Fine, 7½c; Indian Head, Pepperell R, 6c; Pepperell, 10-t, 22c; Anscoggin, 9-4, 2le; Androscoggin, 10-4, 2Se. rints-Allen dress styles, 5c; Allen TR, 4%c; obes, 5c; American indigo, 5c; Arnold loth B, 8c; Arnold LLC, 7c; Cocheco Hamilton fancy, 5c; Merrimac pinks has shown that the best hold is the horns—les, 65c; Pacific fancy, 5c; Simpson's and for the horns the cowboy throws. Then, ngs, 5c; Simpson's Herlin solids, 51/2c; white, 4%c; grays, 4%c. inished Cambrics-Edwards, 4c; Warren Slater, 4c; Genesce, 4c. ngs - Amoskeng ACA, 111/c; Conestog 1314c; Cordis 140, 1214c; Cordis T, 1214c; fancy, 17c; Lenox fancy, 18c; Lenox XX, akland AF, 6c; Portsmouth, 11%c; Susna, 131/2c; Shetucket SW, 6c; Shetucket wift River, blic. Bags - Amoskeag, \$14.50; American, ony, \$14; Stark, \$18. ms - Amoskeag 61/2c; Amoskeag dress, caster, 6%c; Lancaster dress, 7%c; Toll jerk brings the three feet together. There

Spring patent. \$5.45 per brl; winter wheat patmt, in bris, \$4.70; straight grade. \$4.20 in brl; low
prade. \$3.40; extra fancy, in brl, \$4.20; buckment flour. \$6.10 per brl; graham, \$464.45 per

After the contest there are impromptu
norse-races, flag-picking, and then a general clatter and stampede for town. There,
about feed-corrals and saloons the con-

120; prime, 12014c; strictly pions tell how it was done.

WHEAT GOES OFF SHARPLY, BUT REGAINS PART OF LOSS.

Corn Also Is Weak, Closing Lower-Onts Hold Firm, and with Provi-

sions Makes Fair Gains.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- Heavy snows in the winter wheat States and big deliveries on December contracts caused weakness in wheat to-day, but Roasted-Old Government Java, finest Mocha and Java, 28@30c; Java the close was steady at the decline, May being blend, 23c; fancy blend, 18c; Golden blend, 15c. Package coffee—City prices: Ariosa, 11.25c; Lion off %@14c. Corn closed 14c lower and oats a Jersey, 11.25c; Caracas, 11.75c; Dutch blend, 12.50c; Dilworth's, 10.75c; Mail 10.75c; Gates's blended Java, 11.25c; Clishade higher. Provisions made gains ranging from 21/4@5e to 171/4@20c.

Wheat opened steady with May 1/2c lower to Sugar-City prices: Crystal Dominoes, 5-1b %c higher at 81%c to 81%c, but soon showed de-7.10c; cut loaf, 5.70c; cubes, 5.30c; powdered, 5.30c; standard powdered, cided weakness, influenced by the snows and 5.20c; fruit powdered, 4.82c; granulated, 2-lb package, 5.15c; granulated, 5-lb package, 5.15c; standard fine granulated, bags or bris, 4.77c; Ridgewood A, bris, 4.62c; Phoenix A, bris, 4.57c; Empire A, 4.52c, Ideal ex. C, 4.47c; Windsor ex. C, 4.42c; Ridgewood ex. C, 4.37c; 10 yellow, 4.27c; profit taking. The declining tendency was aug-18 yellow, 4.12c; New Orleans (dark), 4c.
Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses,
fair to prime, 28@32c; choice, 38@42c; syrups, 26
side of the market and with little demand May slumped to 70%c. Advices from Argentina were fused to support the market and it went to still bullish, as the rains there continued, and pieces literally, the May being more than 2c slumped to 70%c. Advices from Argentina were Spices-Pepper, 17c; alispice, 15@18c; cloves, 15 some time, and that the higher prices are perfectly justifiable.

The grocery jobbers had their attention called to the fact, this week, by Eastern houses, that they can expect an advance on canned tomations, also on canned peaches. The stocks of canned tomatoes and canned peaches this winter are considerably smaller than the stocks of last year, and this condition is bound to bring about higher prices.

[18c: cassia, 15@18c; nutmegs, 50@60c per lb. Rice—Louisiana, 4½@6c; Carolina, 6½@5½c. Shot—81.40@1.50 per bag for drop. Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars. Wood Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, \$1.80@2; No. 2, \$2.20@2.30; No. 5, \$2.20@2.30; No. 2, \$2.20@2.30; No. 5, \$2.20@3.

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action and the close was steady. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 36% @36%c to 36%c, ranged between 36%c and 37@37%c, closing at 36% @37c. Receipts were 153 cars. bunch; medium, \$1.50. hogs and higher prices at the yards. an early advance on buying by shorts and commission houses, but part of this gain was lost selling by foreign houses. May pork closed igher at \$6.65@6.671/2 and ribs were up 71/2c at Estimated receipts for Monday: Whe cars; corn, 295; oats, 225; hogs, 46,000 head. Grapes California grapes, per crate, \$1.50; New York grapes, 8-lb basket, 25c; pony baskets, 17c; Malanga, in brls, \$4@4.50. Hickory Nuts-Per bu, \$1; shellbarks, per bu, Leading futures ranged as follows:

431/2 Dec.... May... July... Pork-Jan....\$11.2714 May:.. 11.721/2 Lard— Jan.... 6.671/2 May... 6.65 6.621/2 6.171/2 May ... 6.271/2 .New \$4@4.20; straights, \$3.70@4.10 patents. winter

straights, \$3.50@3.75; No. 2 yellow, 44c. Oats-No. 2, 351/2c; No. white, 344,635c. No. 2 rye, 51c. Barley—Good feeding, 36,037c; fair to choice malting, 43,657c. Flaxseed—No. 1, 93c; No. 1 Northwestern, 994c. age, 13c.
Shoulders-English cured, Reliable, 18 to 20 lbs
average, 8½c; sugar-cured, Indiana, 8 to 10 lbs lover-Contract grade, \$11. Mess pork, per brl \$11.50@11.62½. Lard, per 100 lbs, \$6.47½@6.50. Short rib sides (loose), \$6.12½@6.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), \$6.12½@6.25. Whisky—Basis of Receipts—Flour, 23,700 brls; wheat, 66,700 bu; corn, 241,700 bu; oats, 247,900 bu; rye, 2,800 bu; barley, 135,600 bu. Shipments—Flour, 22,400 brls;

wheat, 51,100 bu; corn, 89,000 bu; oats, 107,800 bu; rye, 7,900 bu; barley, 11,900 bu. BROKERS' VIEWS ON THE

WHEAT AND CORN MARKET December Wheat Very Weak on Big Deliveries-Market Closed 3-8c to

3-4e Lower-Corn Lower.

[A. R. Thompson & Co., Indianapolis.] CHICAGO, Dec. 12.-There has been a weak wheat market to-day, especially in December, which, at one time, was almost 3c under May. This was probably on the big deliveries Friday. The market closed %@%c lower, with the Deport for the December on the break, and there small country offerings. The Northwest cars Clearances were 372,000 bu. There was short covering by Phillips, who was a seller Friday. The market was most influenced by the Friday deliveries and the December weakness.

The corn market has been some lower. The deferred futures are off but little, but the Deton remains in the interior than at this time last year. The movement will continue to be the ceedingly weak. The December future has re-Receipts were 199 cars; estimates, 295;

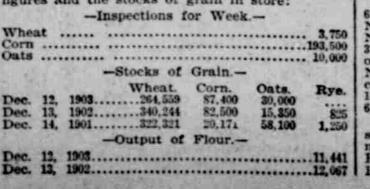
Armour's support the December would have sold lower. May opened strong, but soon gave way to the influences above mentioned. After breaking to 80%c there was some end-of-the-week covering that carried it up %c. But later it again weakened and closed soft. The situation To those who have seen the Western is still puzzling, but we are inclined to follow the bear side. The weakness in the December cowboy only in the saw-dust ring of a option was felt in the futures, which also sold off a little. Receipts were only 199 cars, against estimates of 256. Cables about steady. Think wild west show, the gatherings of the rough-riding steer-tiers of Arizona and New horse, in his native sunshine and dust, hotwill sell off a little Monday.

BIG INCREASE IN LOCAL CORN STOCKS

Corn in Store Here Amounts to 29,700 Bushels More Than Last Week's Stocks-Decrease in Wheat.

Board of Trade's weekly statement.

As predicted, the stocks of wheat are de creased. The decrease amounts to 27,289 bu, and turn, seen too late-all these make the con- is not as large a decrease as was expected. The test a "gamble." And yet the best man decrease last week amounted to 36,385 bu. The stocks yesterday were 254,559 bu. The public rewheat on outside inspection undoubtedly were larger than last week. The stocks of oats are as last Saturday's showing-30,000 bu. There are no public stocks of rye. Public receipts of corn for the week ending vesterday amounted to 313 cars-193,500 bu. Three cars of wheat showed up this week in the public inspection-3,750 bu, against receipts bu last week. The output of flour this week by the Indianapolis mills amounted to 11,499 brls, against 12,-\$10 brls last week. For the corresponding period last year the local mills ground 12,067 bris The following tables show the weekly grain inspection, the flour output with comparative figures and the stocks of grain in store: -Inspections for Week --



BREAK DUE TO WEATHER With the Grain Brokers; Present Market Conditions

The week in the speculative wheat market flour 25,000 brls, of corn 68,000 bu and of oats has been one of ups and downs. Although gen- | 49,900 eral conditions have been more bullish than bu the same day last week. bearish the latter part of the week, the wheat with a loss from last week, but at a recovery from the low points Wednesday and Thursday. In the cash markets wheat was strong the first

May wheat left off in Chicago yesterday at 8114c, a loss of 14c from Friday's last price and at a flat loss of 1c from the closing quotation last week. The December left off yesterday at 78%c, a loss of 3%c from last week's final price. The July closed yesterday at 77%c, against 77%c last Saturday.

was strong and held around the high prices of mates. the previous week. But all the strength was rains in the winter wheat belt and selling for that developed by the Armour buying. Wednesday the crowd turned bearish and sold all day. mented by the extreme weakness in December, Armour supported the market and held prices which sold off 11/2c early in the day on heavy up pretty well, the close being only fractionally deliveries. Commission houses were active sell- lower than the final price Tuesday night. But ers, St. Louis houses being prominent on that he had to add about 5,000,000 bu of May to his line to hold the market. Thursday Armour relower than the high the previous day at one time during the session. Toward the close Thursday, however, Armour buying caused some recovery, and the general loss was around ic The government report on the condition and extent of the winter wheat crop came out Thursish, and when the wheat opened Friday morning the market was decidedly strong. It did not recover all of Thursday's loss, however. Yestervious days of this week.

> have been somewhat on the decrease, but this has been discounted by the increasing Southwestern receipts. There is a good deal of talk to the effect that 75 per cent. of the Northwestern wheat has been marketed. According to some reports there has been some improvement this week in the export demand for wheat. The local cash wheat market has been up and

down this week. Wednesday the local market recorded the highest price here for this crop for No. 2 red, 871/2c. Thursday the market was lower, in sympathy with the speculative markets. Prices left off yesterday at about last week's closing quotations.

Primary receipts of wheat yesterday amounted to 955,000 bu, against 695,000 bu the same day last bu, against 506,000 bu the same time last week.

Cash Corn Market Weaker.

The local cash markets closed the week with corn weaker; wheat steady at Friday's prices, and oats weaker. There was a general decline of 1/4c to 1/4c yesterday on cash corn prices. This puts Nos. 2 and 3 white and the other leading grades back to 40c flat, against 40%c Friday. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, 861/2c track, 861/2c on

hilling freight; No. 3 red, 831/2c track; December, 861/4c; wagon, 86c. Corn weaker; No. 2 white, 40c; No. 3 white, 40c; No. 4 white, 38c; No. 2 white mixed, 40c; No. 3 white mixed, 40c; No. 4 white mixed, 38c; No. 2 yellow, 40c; No. 3 yellow, 40c; No. 4 yellow, 38c; No. 2 mixed, 40c; No. 3 mixed, 40c; No. 4 mixed, 38c; ear, 40c nominal. Oats weaker; No. 2 white, 38c; No. 3 white, 37½c; No. 2 mixed, 37c; No. 3 mixed, 36½c. Hay weaker; No. 1 timothy, \$11; No. 2 tim-Inspections-Corn: No. 3 white, 30 cars; No. white, 7; No. 3 white mixed, 1; No. 3 mixed, 3; ear, 3; total, 44 cars. Hay: No. 1 timothy, 4 cars; No. 1 mixed, 1; No. 2 mixed, 1; total, 6

WAGON MARKET. of corn and hay liberal; prices un hanged

Hay-Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7@8; mixed Sheaf Oats-Per ton, \$8@10.

AT NEW YORK.

Wheat Closes Down, but Fairly Steady -General List Quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- Flour-Receipts, 42,591 bris; exports, 19,121 bris. Market neglected but steady; winter patents, \$4@4.35; winter straights, \$4@4.10; Minnesota patents, \$4.55@4.75; winter extras, \$3@8.35; Minnesota bakers', \$3.70@3.85; winter low grades, \$2.60@3.16. Rye flour firm; fair to good, \$3.25@3.40; choice to fancy, \$3.45@3.55. Buckwheat flour steady at \$2.30@2.35. Corn meal dull; yeilow Western, \$1.02; city, \$1; kiln-dried,

Rye quiet; No. 2 Western, 63%c f. o. b. affoat; State and Jerseey, 56@58c. Barley steady; malting. 48@60c c. i. f. Buffalo.

Wheat-Receipts, 14,625 bu; exports, 39,482 bu. Spot easy; No. 2 red, 89%c elevator, 90%c f. o. b. affoat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 92%c f. o. b. affoat. poor cables, good weather news and liberal receipts. Later in the session wheat railied on war talk and closed steady, at 4c to 4c net decline. May, 84%@85 7-16c, closed at 85%c; July, 81%@82c, closed at 81%c; December, 89%@90c, Corn-Receipts, 36,750 bu; exports, 36,585 Spot steady; No. 2, 52c elevator, 52%c f. c. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 56c; No. 2 white, 52%c. Options opened firmer on the rain and snow throughout the West, but later followed the wheat dull and net unchanged. May closed at 49%c, December at 52c.

Hops firm; State common to choice, 1903, 240 32c; 1902, 21@25%c; old, 19@21c; Pacific coast, 1902, 21@25%c; old, 12c. Hides firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs, 18c; fornia, 21 to 25 lbs, 19c. Leather firm; acid, 23@

Beef firm; family, \$10@11; mess, \$8@9; beef hams, \$20.50@27; packet, \$9@10; city extra India mess, \$15@17. Cut meats quiet; pickled bellies, \$8.621/2@9.371/2; pickled shoulders, \$6; pickled hams, \$10@11. Lard steady: Western steamed, \$6.90. Refined dull; continental, \$7.20; South American, \$7.80; compound, \$6.25@6.50. Pork steady; family, \$15.25@15.50; short clear, \$13@15.50; mess, \$12.75@ Tallow firm; city (\$2 for package), 4%c; country (packages free), 4% @4%c. Cotton-seed oll firm; prime yellow, 35@35%c.
Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3%@5%c. Molasses firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 31@38c Coffee-Spot Rio nominal; No. 7 invoice, 6 15-16c.

some selling in anticipation of a reduction. It was also noted that primary receipts were running rather ahead of estimates, and, while the primary markets were generally firm, there was upon figures upon which the manufacturer can neavy liquidation here. On the opening basis, make a profit. nowever, the market attracted covering and fair support from bullish interests, so that part of the loss was recovered, the market closing steady at a net loss of 5 to 15 points. Sales were 116,250 bags, including: December, 6.30@6.35c; January, 6.40@6.45c; March, 6.60@6.75c; May, 6.90@7.05c; July, 7.15@7.20c; September, 7.30@7.40c; October, 7.35@7.45c; November, 7.40@7.55c.
Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining, 3\%c; centrifgugal, 96 test, 3\%c; molasses sugar, 2\%c. Refined dull; No. 6, 4.05c; No. 7, 4c; No. 8, 3.95c; No. 9, 3.90c; No. 10, 3.85c; No. 11, 3.80c; No. 12, 3.75c; No. 13, 3.70c; No. 14, 3.65c; confectioners' A. 4.30c; mold A, 4.70c; cut loaf, 5.05c; crushed, terday amounted to 87,400 bu, according to the 5.05c; powdered, 4.55c; granulated, 4.45c; cubes,

TRADE IN GENERAL

Quotations at St. Louis, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Elsewhere.

nal at \$2.20@2.85; prime higher. full time this week, and the millers' receipts of steady at \$2.30. Bran firm; sacked, east track, Wheat lower; No. 2 red, cash, 90@91c; track, 90½c; December, 81½c; May, 76@76½c; No. 2 hard, 75@78½c. Corn steady; No. 2, cash, 43@43¼c; track, 41½c; May, 41½c. Oats firm; No. 2, cash, 37@38c; track, 36c; December, 37%c No. 2 white, 391/2c. Hay firm; timothy, \$6.50, 12.50; prairie, \$5.50@9.50. Whisky steady at \$1.319 Iron cotton ties steady at \$1.05. Bagging steady at 5% 96%c. Hemp twine, 5c. Pork higher; jobbing, \$11.90. Lard firmer; steamed, \$6.42%. Bacon firm; boxed extra shorts, \$7.25; clear ribs. \$7.50; short clear. \$7.75. Receipts—Flour, 7.000 brls; wheat, 35,000 bu; corn, 26,000 bu; cots, 32,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 11,000 brls; wheat, 41,000 bu; corn, 30,000 bu; oats, 31,000 bu. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.-Wheat-December. 68%c; May, 69%c; cash, No. 2 hard, 70% 672%c; No. 3, 67@70c; No. 4, 60@66c; rejected, 59@61c; No. 2 red, 83c; No. 3, 59@61c. Corn—December, 37%c; May 37%c; cash, No. 2 mixed, new, 37%c; old, 39%c; No. 2 white, 39%c; No. 3, 39c. Oats—No. 2 white, 36@38c; No. 2 mixed, 34@35c. Receipts-Wheat, 118,400 bu; corn, 12,800 bu; oats, ments-Wheat, 75,200 bu; corn, quiet; No. 2, 60c. Lard steady at \$6.25. period the exports of boots and shoes increased meats quiet at \$6.75. Bacon steady at \$8. from \$500,754 to \$6,182,098.—Dunn's Review.

49,000 bu. Southwestern receipts of wheat at St. Louis yesterday were 88,000 bu, against 61,000 Bradstreet's gives the exports of corn from the Atlantic and guif ports the past week at 641,000 bu, against 1,099,000 bu the previous week part of the week, but closed the week steady to and 1,301,000 bu the same week last year. From slightly lower compared with last Saturday's July 1 to date the exports of corn from the same ports have amounted to 26,023,000 bu, against 4,094,000 bu the corresponding time a year ago.

The Minneapolis Market Record estimates the wheat crop of the Northwest at 200,000,000 bu. Allowing 20,000,000 for seed, this would leave 80,000,000 bu for the market. The Record claims that 94,842,000 bu have been marketed already. leaving 85,000,000 bu on the farms Dec. 1. The The first part of the week the wheat market the remainder of the season, the Record esti-

Shipments of wheat from the Argentine the past week, according to Bradstreet's, amounted to 304,000 bu, against 424,000 bu the previous week and 112,000 bu the corresponding time a year ago. Since Jan. 1 to date Bradstreet's estimates that 61,864,000 bu of wheat have been shipped from the Argentine, against 19,032,000 bu the same time last year. Corn shipments from Argentine this week are estimated at 1,894,000 bu, against 1,817,000 bu last week. XXX

Bradstreet's estimated the exports of wheat and flour from the United States and Canada the past week at 4,607,000 bu, against 4,202,000 bu last week and 3,761,000 bu the corresponding time a year ago.

export demand for wheat," says E. F. Rosenbaum, a prominent Chicago trader. "The continent is still indifferent, and we have no demand for hard winters at better than 41/2c under Chi-Northwestern receipts of wheat the past week the business for nothing. Our advices from the Southwest do not bear out the claim that 69 per cent. of the Kansas crop has been marketed. Wheat is still piled up on the ground in some parts of Kansas, because it is impossible to get cars to move it, and I believe 60 per cent. of the crop is still back in Kansas and 40 per cent. in Oklahoma, and all of the Oklahoma wheat is choice No. 2 hard. The millers in Kansas who cheaper qualities."

"The statement that three-fourths of the wheat is already out of first hands in the Northwestern States," says Manager James Pettit of the The shipments were 203,000 bu, as compared with | a large statistical shortage turns into an actual the use of the wheat in various ways.

> Whisky-Distillers' finished goods dull on basis of \$1.27. Sugar easy. TOLEDO, Dec. 12.-Wheat-December. May, 864c; cash, May, 434c. Oats cash, 88c. Corn—December, 444c. Oats—December, 37c; May, 384c. Rye-No. 2, 58c; No. 3, 56c. Clover seed-December, \$6.771/4; January, \$6.80; February, \$6.85; March, \$6.90; alsike, \$6.65; timothy, \$1.40. DULUTH, Dec. 12.-Wheat-To arrive, No. hard, 81c; No. 1 northern, 79½c; No. 2 northern, 77c; on track, No. 1 northern, 79½c; No. 2 northern, 77c; No. 3 spring, 74c; December, 79½c; May, 81c. Oats—On track and to arrive, 34%c. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.-Wheat-December 79¼c; May, 81¼@81¼c; July, 81c; on track, No. hard, 82c; No. 1 northern, 81c; No. 2 northern 79c; No. 3 northern, 73@761/c. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—Wheat—Spot firm; No 2 red Western winter, 6s 2½d. Corn—Spot firm American mixed, 4s 1¼d. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.-Barley dull; No 1

Butter, Cheese and Eggs. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Butter-Receipts, 4,677 packages. The market was dull and weak. Extra creamery, 25c; creamery, common to choice, 16@24½c; state dairy, 15@22c; held creamery, 20@23c. Cheese—Receipts, 5,456 packages. The market was quiet. State full cream, fancy small colored, September, 12c; late made, small white, September, 12c; late made, large colored, September, 12c; late made, large white, September, 12c; late made, 10c. Eggs-Receipts, 1,631 packages. The market was firm. State and Pennsylvania near-by average best, 31c; state and Pennsylvania seconds to firsts, 28@30c; Western seconds, 28@29c; Western extras, 31c; refrigerated, 23@25c; Western firsts,

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.-Butter steady and in fair demand; extra Western creamery, 25@ 25½c; extra near-by prints, 27c. Eggs firmer and in good demand; fresh near-by, 32c, at the mark; fresh Western, 32c. loss off; fresh South-ern, 31c, loss off; fresh Southwestern, 28@29%c. loss off. Cheese dull and weak; New York full creams, fancy, 11%c; New York full creams, choice, 11%c; New York full creams, fair to good, 16%@11%c. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.-On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was firm; creamerie 16@25c; dairies, 14@17c. Eggs firm at 25@271/2c at the mark, cases included. Cheese steady a

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Eggs higher; Missouri and Kansas, cases returned, 27c; new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 27½c. CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.-Eggs firm at 25@27c Butter steady. Cheese steady; Ohio flat, 10%c. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.-Butter firm; creamery, 26c; dairy, 19@20c. Eggs steady at 27c.

OIL CITY, Dec. 12.—Credit balances, \$1.90; cer-ificates, no bid. Shipments, \$5,490 bris; average, 72,216 bris; runs, \$3,011 bris; average, 75,950 bris. Shipments (Lima), 75,418 brls; average, 67,506 brls; runs (Lima), 63,478 brls; average, 76,904 brls. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Petroleum firm; refined New York, 9.50c; Philadelphia and Baltimore, 9.45c; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, 6.55c. Rosin steady, strained, common to good, Spirits of turpentine steady at 59%@60c. CHARLESTON, Dec. 12.-Turpentine steady 4c. Rosin steady; A. B. C. D. E. F. \$2.10; \$2.15; H. \$2.25; I. \$2.45; K. \$2.70; M. \$2.80; N. window glass, \$3.15; water white, \$3.40. SAVANNAH, Dec. 12.—Turpentine firm. Rosin: firm; A, B, C, D, E, F, \$2.20; G, \$2.30; H, \$2.35; I, \$2.55; K, \$2.80; M, \$2.90; N, \$3.05; window glass, \$3.25; water white, \$3.50. WILMINGTON, Dec. 12.-Spirits of turpentine nothing doing. Rosin, nothing doing. Tar firm at \$1.70. Crude turpentine firm at \$2.25@3.80 and \$3.85.

MONTPELIER, Dec. 12.-Crude petroleum very strong; North Lima, \$1.38; South Lima and In-

Poultry. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Poultry-Alive weak

Western chickens, 10c; fowls, 10@104c; Dressed dull; Western chickens, 11c; fowls, 11c; turkeys, ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Poultry steady; chickens, Good to choice steers, 1,350 lbs and up-7c; springs, 71/2c; turkeys, 14c; ducks, 10c; geese, wards CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Poultry—Alive steady; turkeys, 12@13c; chickens, 8½c; springs, 9@9½c. CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.-Poultry steady; hens, 71/20; springs, 8c; turkeys, 141/2c. Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The market conditions have changed but little, the week ending with Mild firm; Cordova, 7%@12%c. The market for futures opened steady at a decline of 10 to 30 points, following the break in the European markets, which was attributed to profit-taking and kets, which was attributed to profit-taking and the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have changed but little, the week ending with prices very much in sellers' favor and with more inclination on the part of buyers to operate the conditions have been declined by the condit

Cotton.

NEW. OPLEANS, Dec. 12.—Cotton steady. Sales, 2,100 bales. Ordinary, 9.7-16c; good ordinary, 10%c; low middling, 11%c; middling, 12%c; good middling, 12.5-16c; middling fair, 12.11-16c. Receipts, 10,987 bales; stock, 302,388 NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Cotton-Spot close quiet; middling uplands, 12.45c; middling gulf, 12.70c. Sales none,

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.-Wool dull and lower; medium grades, combing and clothing, 17@21c; light fine, 15@171/c; heavy fine, 12@141/c; tub-NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- Wool firm; domestic

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Metals steady. Lead firm at \$4.02½. Spelter firm at \$4.50. firm at \$4.021/2.

OF MANUFACTURES.

The highest point in the exportation of manufactures was reached in 1900. The shipments that year were \$433,851,756, or more than \$94,000,000 larger than for the previous year. Since then the domestic consumption has been so extraor-dinary that less thought has been devoted to foreign markets, but very recently circumstances have once more turned attention in that direction. Of course, no one could believe that business in this country could continue permanently under the high pressure that it has been for the last few years. There has been a widespread belief that the value of foreign markets would sooner or later be once more a leading activity of the iron and steel mills in seeking foreign customers is only one sign, though possibly the most striking, of this awakening to the needs of the situation. Though the real search for foreign markets by our manufacturers has

HOG MARKET IRREGULAR

EARLY SALES SHOW ADVANCE, BUT WEAKNESS DEVELOPED LATER.

Prices for Cattle About on a Level with Those of Previous Days-Market for Week a Disappointment.

Receipts and Shipments.

Shipments

UNION STOCKYARDS, INDIANAPOLIS, Dec.

12.-Hogs-While not as large as yesterday and

probably below the expectations of some, the

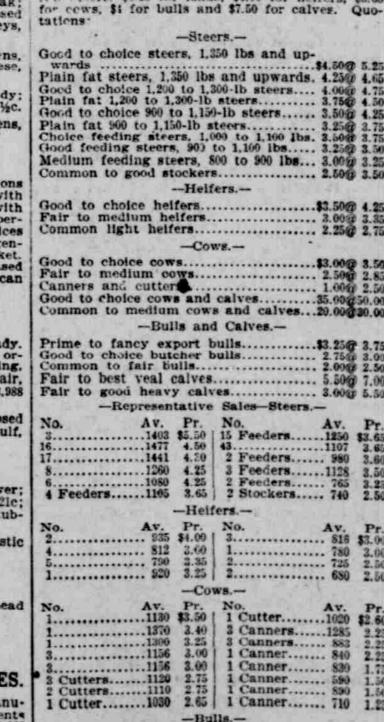
receipts of hogs to-day were of good volume, When the market opened only about 7,000 were in the pens, and salesmen were asking strong to higher prices. Buyers, however, were not disposed to pay any advance, and several sales made at the start were not quotably higher. Subsequently, however, stronger competition developed between packers and shippers, and the trading was generally around 5c higher than yesterday morning, and strong compared with yesterday's closing prices. Later, however, the supply was considerably augmented, and with most of the important orders executed, the market naturally developed some weakness. In fact, "We are unable to see any improvement in the at the exertme close it was more or less difficult to consummate sales, and prices in many cases represented a decline of 5c compared with the best time in the day. Therefore, while some sales were undoubtedly higher, the average can cago May at the gulf, which would mean doing hardly be considered any better than at the close yesterday. The extreme range in prices was from \$4.40 to \$4.721/2, and the bulk of the supply sold at \$4.50@4.65, although there were a number of sales at \$4.67\204.70, and also at \$4.45. The hog market this week was again characterized by frequent fluctuations in prices, but the movement has been more in one direction were so anxious for good wheat six weeks ago the movement has been more in one direction have changed their attitude and are buying the than last week and consequently a greater net change for the week. At the beginning of the week prices were lower, but since that there has been a gradual upward tendency and closing prices for the week represent an average gain of near 15c over the close of last week. On Peavey Grain Company, "may be an extreme figure, but I do not think it is far out of the account of less margin between prices here and way. In any event there will be plenty of wheat | in Eastern markets the volume of business done week. Shipments were 208,000 bu, as compaerd with 210,000 bu the same day last week. Corn with 210,000 bu the same day last week. Corn year will be much encouraged by a little setbeen generally satisfactory and yesterday was hogs coming, but there is also a small proportion of ordinary light grades and therefore the average weight is as satisfactory as it has been. there has not been a great deal of change in the relative position of prices for the light and heavy grades as compared with the close of last week. than the lowest top price and the highest paid in

> Good to choice medium to heavy \$4.60@4.723 Mixed and heavy packing. Good to choice light weights Dk.

this market since Dec. 3. Quotations:

Cattle-The receipts to-day were fully as large as expected at this time in the week, and, as usual on Saturday, all the different grades were not represented and the quality generally was hardly up to the average of the past few days. The market opened with just a fair demand for utcher cattle, and any that answered this description sold at about yesterday's prices, but there was a dull trade for nearly all other kinds and final sales were hardly as satisfactory as yesterday. Steers sold all the way from \$3 to \$4.50, heifers at \$2.50@4, cows at \$1@3.50, bulls at \$2.25@3.75 and calves at \$3@6.50. Very late to-day the Indianapolis Abattoir Company paid \$5.50 for three Christmas steers averaging 1,493 lbs.

The cattle market this week has been rather puzzling to salesmen and, considering the num-ber received and the season of the year, the developments no doubt have been somewhat dismany cattle on the market such as would be expected to command premium prices at this time, but the cattle ordinarily classed as good have not sold quite up to expectations. At the the trade for choice stock, and the situation encouraged sellers to expect that there would be a good market all week. Subsequently, buyers were getting all the cattle they could use, such as they were, and finally it was more or less difficult to transfer the supplies at steady prices. In fact, at one time in the week the fair to medium killers, especially in the steer line, were reported 10c to 25c lower than last week. appears now, however, that this change was not general and at the extreme close of the week all of the cattle were selling in about the same position as at the close of last week, but it was buyers took off nearly \$1 per 100 lbs, and at the extreme close of the week sales were at least the under the opening prices of the week. There has been a very dull trade for heavy calves on the stocker order and it has been impossible to sell a great many regardless of prices. The highest prices paid this week were \$5.50 for a few steers, \$5.25 for loads, \$4.10 for helfers, \$2.65



.. 1790 \$3.75

Av. Pr.

-Calves .-

Sheep-The receipts to-day were as large as

usual at this time in the week, but not excessive, and, although butchers were practically out

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a wide range in values. The condition of the Eastern markets was more favorable at the close of this week, and this should have a stimulating effect upon the demand from shippers but, of course, it is not advisable to predict just what effect this will have. Nearly all week the best lambs sold as high as \$5.50, and a large number sold around \$5.25@5.35, with inferior grades as low as \$2. Sheep have sold as high as \$3.50, quite a number at \$3.25@3.35 and others at \$2.50@3. Quotations: Good to choice lambs .. Common to medium lambs ... common to best yearlings ... lood to choice sheep Fair to medium sheep. Culls and common sheep..... Stockers and feeding sheep... Bucks, per 100 lbs..... -Representative Sales .-No. Av. Pr. No. Av. Pr. 101 Lambs...... 76 \$5.25 | 42 Lambs...... 74 \$5.25 2 Lambs..... 85 5.25 9 Lambs...... 68 5.00 22 Lambs 66 4.75 5 Sheep 160 3 Sheep 106 5.90 19 Lambs 119 6 Lambs..... 88 5.00 | 11 Sheep...... 151 3.25 1 Buck...... 120 2.50 Comparative Receipts. Following is a statement of the receipts of live

stock for the periods indicated, with comparative figures: Hogs |C't'e| C's Sh'p. | 12,249 | 288 | 187 | 61 | 3,960 | 147 | 95 | 130 | 5,803 | 878 | 123 | 309 | 8,149 | 1,465 | 181 | 653 | 7,984 | 831 | 121 | 491 | Saturday, Dec. 5...... Monday, Dec. 7... Tuesday, Dec. 8.. Wednesday, Dec. Thursday, Dec. 10 ...

9,801 768 119 9,000 350 50 Friday, Dec. 11... Saturday, Dec. 12. 44,697 4,369 689 2,337 50,065 4,303 887 1,717 Corresponding week 1902. Corresponding week 1901.... 45,344 5,169 564 1,856

STOCKYARD NOTES.

Selected light hogs sold as high as \$4.60 yesterday, a few at \$4.571/2, and there were quite & number of light hogs at \$4.55. Most of the supsales at \$4.45 and as low as \$4.40.

As usual at this time of the year, it is the opinion of most stockmen that from now until after the holidays the demand for cattle will be more limited than for some time. There has been a fair, but not liberal, demand for stockers and feeding cattle this week, and sales usually

The receipts of sheep and lambs this week have a year ago, and about 500 over the corresponding week two years ago. Thus far this year the receipts are only about 1,000 larger than the same time last year, and for the month thus far there is a decrease of over 1,400 compared with the same period a year ago.

Cattle receipts the past week show only a slight change compared with last week, an insponding week two years ago. Thus far this year the receipts show an increase of over 37,000 compared with the same time last year, and for the month thus far there is an increase of a little over 500 compared with the same period a

The marketing of stock this week shows a total of 44,500 hogs, 5,000 cattle and 2,300 sheep, against 50,065 hogs, 5,190 cattle and 1,717 sheep last week, 36,730 hogs, 4,701 cattle and 1,792 sheep the same week a year ago, and 45,344 hogs, 5,725 cattle and 1,856 sheep the corresponding week two years ago. The general cattle market was quiet yesterday, with prices hardly as satisfactory as Friday. Sheep and lambs were about steady, and the average prices of hogs were strong compared with Friday's close. x x x

The receipts of hogs this week show a decrease of 5,000 compared with last week, but an increase of 8,000 over the same week a year ago, and a slight decrease compared with two years ago. Thus far this year the receipts are over 259,000 larger than the same time last year, and 13,000 compared with the same period a year ago, For the week ended yesterday the leading local packers bought a total of 36,809, against 26,521 the preceding week, and 30,339 the same week a year ago. During the same period the shipments were 9,297, against 14,811 the preceding week, and 9,663 the corresponding week a year

ELSEWHERE.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 12 .- Cattle-Receipts, 16 cars. Market steady. Prime selected steers, \$5.25 @5.30; fair to good, \$4.90@5; light to fair, \$3.50@4.25; heifers, \$3.50@8.75; fair to good bulls, \$3.50 #35; hellers, \$3.50\text{\$25.75}; hair to good bulls, \$3.50\text{\$23.75}; stockers and feeders, choice, \$3.50\text{\$25.75}; cows and springers, choice, \$4.50\text{\$25.50}.

Veals and Calves—Receipts, \$0. Market active and steady. Top veals, \$7.25\text{\$27.50}; fair to good, \$6.50\text{\$27}; light thin veals, \$5\text{\$26.25}; heavy fat calves, \$3.75\text{\$24.75}. Sheep and Lambs-Receipts, 40 cars. Market Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 40 cars. Market active and steady. Choice lambs, \$5.75@6; fair to good, \$5.25@5.65; cuils, \$3.75@4.50; choice wethers, \$4@4.25; export ewes, \$3.40@3.75; fair to good mixed sheep, \$3.50@3.55; yearlings, \$4@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 36 cars. Market active and steady. Yorkers, good to choice, \$4.65@4.85; pigs, \$4.55@4.65; medium and heavy weights, \$4.65@4.85; mixed grades, \$4.20@4.80; roughs, \$4@4.25; stage, \$2.20.250

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 200. Market nominal. Good to prime steers, \$4.90@5.65; poor to medium, \$3@4.75; stockers and feeders, \$1.75@3.90; cows, \$1.50@3.90; heifers, \$1.75@4.50; canners, \$1.50@2.30; bulls, \$1.75@4; calves, \$2@5.25. Hogs-Receipts, 20,000; Monday, 45,000. Market steady to 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, \$4.45@4.70; good to choice heavy,

\$4.65@4.70; rough heavy, \$4.40@4.60; light. Sheep-Receipts, 1,000. Sheep steady lambs steady. Good to choice wethers, \$3.50 @4; fair to choice mixed, \$2.50@3.35; native lambs, \$4@5.85; Western sheep, \$2.25@3.50; PITTSBURG, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Supply light. Market slow. Choice, \$5@5.10; prime, \$4.70@4.80; tidy, \$4@4.25; green, \$3.25@3.75; fair, \$3@3.60; comcommon to good fat cows, \$1.35@3.50; heifers,

\$3.35@3.85; good fresh cows and springers, \$400

60; common to fair, \$15@35. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts light. Market teady. Prime wethers, \$3.85@4; good mixed, \$3.40 a3.75; fair mixed, \$2.75@3.25; culls and common, \$1.25@2; choice lambs, \$5.35@6.05; fair to good 15@5.30; common, \$3.50@4. Hogs-Receipts, 20 double decks. Market active. Prime heavy hogs, \$4.80@4.85; mediums, 34.80; heavy Yorkers. \$4.70@4.75; light Yorkers, \$4.65@4.70; pigs, \$4.50@4.60; roughs, \$3@4.25. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Beeves—Receipts, 16, consigned direct. No sales reported. Dressed beef steady; city dressed native sides, extreme range, 6@8%c; Texas beef, 5@6c. Reported exports for to-day, 1,375 beeves, 660 sheep, 6,644 quarters of beef. Calves-No receipts; about 100 on sale, all Western calves. No trading whatever. City dressed veals, general sales, 7@11c. Sheep and Lambs-Receipts, 1,751. Sheep rated slow and weak; desirable weight lambs of good quality firm; others slow and steady. Sheep sold at \$3.25@3.70; lambs at \$5.60@5.75. Dressed mutton, general sales, 6@7c; dressed lambs, 74@10c. Hegs-Receipts, 4,582.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 600. Market unchanged. Export and dressed beef steers, \$4.25@5.35; fair to good, \$3.50@4.20; Western fed steers, \$2.75@4.15; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.15; Southern steers, \$2@2.85; Southern cows, \$1.75@2.40; native cows, \$1.50@3.50; native helfers, \$2.40@3.25; bulls, \$2.25@3; calves, \$2.50@6. Receipts for the week, 26,200. Hogs-Receipts, 6,200. Market 5c to 10c Top. \$4.70; bulk of sales, \$4.60@4.65; heavy, \$4.66 @4.70; packers, \$4.60@4.85; pigs and light, \$4.50@ 4.65. Receipts for the week, 45.100. Sheep-Receipts, 100. Market unchanged. Na-tive lambs, \$4@5.35; Western lambs, \$3.75@5.20; fed ewes, \$2.75@3.35; stockers and feeders, \$20 3.65. Receipts for the week, 15,800. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.-Cattle-Receipts, 900, including 600 Texans. Market steady; Texans lower. Native shipping and export steers, \$4@5.40; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.50@5,25; steers under 1,000 lbs. \$3.50@5; stockers and feeders, \$2 @3.90; cows and helfers, \$2.25@4.25; canners, \$1.75 @2.10; bulls, \$2.75@4; calves, \$2.50@6.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.20@4; cows and heifers, \$3

Hogs-Receipts, 3,000. Market strong and higher. Pigs and lights, \$4.2004.45; packers, \$4.400 4.60; butchers and best heavy, \$4.50@4.70. Sheep-Receipts, 1.200. Market dull and slow. Native muttons, \$3.10@3.65; lambs, \$4@5.25; culls and bucks, \$2@4; stockers, \$2@3. SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 12.-Cattle-Receipts. 100. Market nominally steady. Native steers, \$3@5.30; cows and helfers, \$2.40@3.50; Western steers, \$2.80@3.80; Texas steers, \$2.50@3.50; rangers and heifers, \$2.25@2.40; canners, \$1.50@2.10 stockers and feeders, \$2.5003.80; calves, \$365.25; bulls, stage, etc., \$1.50@3.50. Hogs-Receipts, 9,606. Market steady. Heavy, \$4.40@4.50; mixed, \$4.45@4.50; light, \$4.50@4.55; pigs, \$4@4.40; bulk of sales, \$4.45@4.50 Sheep-Receipts none. Market weak. Western yearlings, \$3.65@; wethers, \$3.40@3.70; ewes, \$2.50

63.25; common and stockers, \$2.2563.40; lambs, 14.50695.50. CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.-Hogs steady at \$3.500 Cattle stronger at \$2@4.65.

Sheep steady at \$1.50@3.40. Lambs steady at \$4 Minister Squiers Returning.

of the market, there was a very fair demand from shippers, and sales were usually at steady prices compared with yesterday. It is possible, however, that on account of being the close of the week and no opposition occasional sales were some lower. Most of the lambs here soid at \$5.25, others at \$4.75 % and sheep from \$3 to \$3.25, There has been an unusually good demand HAVANA, Dec. 12 .- United States Minister Squiers sailed to-day for New York, whence he will go immediately to Washngton. It is said that the Cuban govern-

ment has granted all his requests.

Metals. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.-Flour steady; red winter patents, \$4.25@4.35; extra fancy and straight, 3.90@4.20; clear, \$3.40@3.60. Timothy seed nomi-FIGURES ON EXPORTS

11,000 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 75,200 bu; corn, 6,400 bu; oats, 12,000 bu.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—Flour quiet. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, 89@90c. Corn easier; No. 2 mixed, 43c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 38@384c. hardly more than begun, some very striking results have already been achieved. For instance, in 1893 this country exported only \$4,657,323 of agricultural implements, but in 1903 the shipments, 43c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 38@384c.